

Monthly Divot

January



Junior Golf Opportunities in Colorado

Looking for golf opportunities outside of First Tee? There are many opportunities, including Drive, Chip & Putt, PGA Jr. League, and Colorado PGA Junior Golf.

Drive, Chip & Putt

Provides aspiring junior golfers ages 7-15 an opportunity to play with their peers in qualifiers around the country. Participants who advance through local, sub-regional and regional qualifying in each age/gender category earn a place in the National Finals, which is conducted at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the Masters Tournament and is broadcast live by Golf Channel.

PGA Jr. League

The perfect way to introduce children to the rules of golf, competition, and what it means to play as a team. First Tee - GVR has two PGA Jr. League teams, each comprised of 12 golfers between the ages of 9 and 13 that practice and compete against other local teams in a fun and competitive environment.

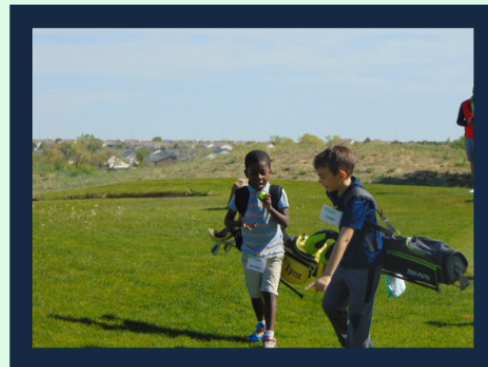
Colorado PGA Junior Golf

Their mission is to create learning and playing opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels throughout the Colorado PGA Section. They strive to provide opportunities to those juniors who possess the potential skill and aspirations to compete at the high school or collegiate level, in addition to those who are new to the game. Former Program Director Zach Kinmartin is now with the Colorado PGA, where his role is Manager - Junior Player Series. If you have any interest, Zach would love to hear from you and provide you with more information on their tournaments. His email is zkinmartin@pgahq.com.



2023 Program Schedule

Mark your calendars! The 2023 Program Schedule will be released on Wednesday, February 1st. The schedule will be emailed to past participants and will be available on our website and social media pages as well. **Registration for spring classes will open on Wednesday, March 1st.**



Golf Club Trade-In Program

Too tall for your current set of clubs? Want a new driver or a new putter? Thanks to the many generous golfers who donate their golf clubs to First Tee - GVR, there are all types of clubs in varying sizes waiting to find a new home! If you are interested in trading in any of your clubs, please reach out to Program Coordinator Aaron Pinkerton at apinkerton@coloradoopen.com.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Chris Nordling

Senior Managing Director, *Newmark*
Board Member

Chris is one of the longest and most consistent supporters of our chapter. He has been a board member for 8 years and is a past Board Chair. If a Friday Play Day is happening, there is a good chance Chris is there playing with and mentoring participants. He is also very generous in donating clubs and other equipment for our participants. His fellow members at Cherry Creek Country Club know he is more than happy to collect any clubs they are looking to donate. Chris is a past president of the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR). SIOR hosts an annual event at Green Valley Ranch, with proceeds going to our First Tee chapter. Thank you for all of your support and leadership throughout the years, Chris!